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## Arnold Schwarzenegger GOVERNOR

August 4, 2004

**To:** Friends of the Ocean

**From:** Mike Chrisman, Secretary for Resources

Terry Tamminen, Secretary for Environmental Protection

**Subject:** Draft Action Plan Review and Invitation to Public Workshops

California Ocean Resources Management: A Strategy for Action

We are pleased to release for public review and comment the draft plan titled, *California Ocean Resources Management: A Strategy for Action (Action Plan)*. The Action Plan is being prepared in response to Governor Schwarzenegger's June 4, 2004 directive for California to renew its longstanding commitment to protecting and managing its ocean and coastal resources. This directive was included in the Governor's comments on the Preliminary Report of the U.S. Commission on Ocean Policy, which documented California's leadership in ocean and coastal management and supported strong federal actions to protect and manage the nation's ocean and coastal resources. In his comments, the Governor directed us to "develop a plan of action for ocean and coastal management in California."

The Governor's directive specifies that this plan of action shall assess what has changed since the publication of the state's 1997 ocean strategy, *California's Ocean Resources: An Agenda for the Future* and indicate important actions that can be taken by the Schwarzenegger Administration, the legislature, or by partners in industry, academia, public interest groups, and philanthropic interests. The Action Plan must be on the Governor's desk by September 2, 2004.

The Draft Action Plan is available at http://resources.ca.gov/ocean or in hard copy by calling 916.653.5656. We invite you to submit your comments electronically to *ORAPPublic@resources.ca.gov* by the close of business on *Friday, August 20*. All comments received will be considered as we prepare the final report for the Governor.

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We also invite you to join us at one of our two upcoming public workshops, where public comment will be taken on the draft report:

San Francisco Ferry Building
Port of San Francisco
Commission Hearing Room
San Francisco

Newport Beach City Hall Council Chambers, Building A 3300 Newport Blvd. Newport Beach

**August 19, 2004** 

August 20, 2004

9:00 AM

9:00 AM

Your attendance at one of these workshops is highly encouraged. We thank you in advance for your assistance in helping California remain at the forefront of national ocean policy development. If you have questions regarding the submission of comments or attendance at the workshops, please contact Brian Baird, Assistant Secretary for Ocean and Coastal Policy (Brian@resources.ca.gov or 916.657.0198) or Chris Potter, Coastal Grants and Wetlands Coordinator (Chris.Potter@resources.ca.gov or 916.654.0536).

<u>Click here to view the Press Release</u> <u>Click here to view the Draft Document: California Ocean Resources Management: A Strategy for Action</u>